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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I have been following the anti-trust case against Microsoft and feel compelled to write and express my feelings. I understand that under the current proposed settlement, Microsoft would not be required to disclose details about various Microsoft Application Interfaces to non-profit organizations. Apparently only businesses would apply. This restriction is unacceptable. One of Microsoft's biggest competitors is the open source community and this settlement would, in effect protect Microsoft, not the public at large. Since, Microsoft OS runs on %45 of all web servers and %95 of all client systems, anything other than complete and open documentation of Microsoft's API's should not be allowed. This would protect Microsoft's intellectual property while allowing any third party to develop products and programs that function in a Microsoft world.

Sincerely,
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